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In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2001 (Paper No. 14), kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1 and 18 as shown in the attached MARKED-UP PREVIOUS VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS.

Please replace claims 1 and 18 with the amended versions thereof, as shown in the attached CLEAN COPY OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS.

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, as amended, and reconsideration of the Office Action dated July 27, 2001 (Paper No. 14). Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-4 and 6-20 will remain pending in this application, with claims 2, 4, 6 and 12-14 having been withdrawn. The amendments to the claims are supported throughout the specification and the original claims. The amendments to claims 1 and 18 represent anticipatable revisions to ensure proper antecedent basis of all claims elements and do not constitute newly added limitations. No new matter is incorporated by this Amendment.

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